

575 acting clubs, folkdancing and gymnastics, choirs
883 and orchestras are especially to be mentioned.

476 Co-operative movements have a very im-
241 portant place in Finnish society. According to
ancient custom, the country people, after fin-
ishing the day's work in their own fields, join
together to help those who are hampered by
sickness or other debilitation to gather their
grain or build their barns. Moreover, the
farmers form co-operative units for buying
machinery, for organizing the marketing of
their products, etc. Some of these have dev-
●[474] eloped into extremely large enterprises. In
1949 there were 5.066 co-operative units active
within the farming population, with 1,020,000
members. The central organization for agri-
cultural co-operatives is Pellervo-Seura,
established in 1899.

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575 Martha Society and the Society of Agricultural Women.

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443 Co-operatives have an equally important role for the consumer, as demonstrated by nearly five thousand co-operative enterprises still active in the country. Some of them have members among certain groups of the population, for example the factory workers, and thus tend to have a certain political coloring. The number of stores operated by these several central organizations is extremely large. A co-operative store is a familiar sight on the Finnish landscape.

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